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PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A SITE FOR THE NEW FEDERAL BUILDING IN NEWNAN, GA., ADJOINING THE EXISTING FEDERAL BUILDING THERE AS AN ECONOMY MEASURE BEFORE LAND VALUE HAS INCREASED AS A RESULT OF LAND IMPROVEMENT

MAY 7 (legislative day, MAY 1), 1952.—Ordered to be printed

Mr. KERR, from the Committee on Public Works, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. R. 4551]

The Committee on Public Works, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 4551) to provide for the acquisition of a site for the new Federal building in Newnan, Ga., adjoining the existing Federal building there as an economy measure before land value has increased as a result of land improvement, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment, and recommend that the bill do pass.

H. R. 4551 would authorize the General Services Administrator to acquire a plot of land 88 feet by 145 feet located at the southwest corner of Spring and Perry Streets, and immediately east of and adjacent to the present post office in Newnan, Ga., for use as a site for the erection of a new Federal building. The report covering Federal building projects eligible for construction throughout the United States, submitted to Congress on August 9, 1951 (H. Doc. 224) in compliance with section 409 of the Public Buildings Act of 1949 (Public Law 105), includes a project for Newnan, Ga. The project contemplates the acquisition of additional land, demolition of the present Federal building, and erection of a new building for a post office and courthouse, at an estimated cost of $575,000. The tract referred to in this bill is that proposed for carrying out the building program at Newnan. The estimated cost of the property to be acquired is $16,500. Construction of the building thereon would be deferred until some future date.

Within the past few years, four buildings located in the rear of the present post-office building were destroyed by fire and the land is now vacant. An amusement company has purchased the land, and

plans have been made to erect a theater on the site. The theater cannot be constructed at the present time and the land can be purchased from the amusement company at the price they paid. If the tract is improved the cost at a later date will be considerably in excess of the present purchase price. Since the additional land contemplated for acquisition for the new Federal building comprises the same tract included in this bill, it appears to be in the best interests of the Government to authorize its purchase at an early date, and before it is further improved.

Hearings were held on this bill by the Public Works Committee of the House of Representatives on August 15, 1951. Comments of the General Services Administration and the Postmaster General on the bill follow:

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, D. C., February 9, 1952.

Hon. DENNIS CHAVEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Public Works,
United States Senate, Washington, D. C.

DEAR SENATOR CHAVEZ: This is in reply to your letter of January 25, 1952, which submitted a copy of H. R. 4551, to provide for the acquisition of a site for the new Federal building in Newnan, Ga., adjoining the existing Federal building there as an economy measure before land value has increased as a result of land improvement, and requested this Administration's comments thereon.

This bill would authorize the acquisition of a tract of land, specifically described in the bill, in the city of Newnan, Ga., to be used as a site for erection of a new Federal building.

Pursuant to section 409 of the Public Buildings Act of 1949, approved June 16, 1949 (63 Stat. 200), recent studies have been made covering the Federal building situation at Newnan, Ga. A project has been developed for that city which contemplates the acquisition of additional land, the demolition of the existing Federal structure and the erection of a new post office and courthouse with a limit of cost in the sum of $575,000. This item is included in the list of eligible Federal building projects known as House Document 224, Eighty-second Congress, first session.

The additional land contemplated for acquisition in connection with the Newnan project comprises the same tract proposed by this legislation should the following correction be made: On page 2, line 5, delete the word "easterly" and substitute in lieu thereof "westerly".

In view of the facts set out above, this Administration would interpose no objection to the enactment of H. R. 4551.

The Bureau of the Budget advised this Administration that there was no objection to the submission of an identical report on H. R. 4551 which was submitted to the chairman of the Committee on Public Works, House of Representatives, on July 30, 1951.

Sincerely yours,

JESS LARSON, *Administrator.*

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL,
Washington, D. C., February 18, 1952.

Hon. DENNIS CHAVEZ,
Chairman, Committee on Public Works,
United States Senate.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: Reference is made to your request for a report on H. R. 4551, a bill to provide for the acquisition of a site for the new Federal building in Newnan, Ga., adjoining the existing Federal building there as an economy measure before land value has increased as a result of land improvement.

In a report, dated June 30, 1951, submitted to Congress under the provisions of section 409 of the Public Buildings Act of 1949 (Public Law 105), there was included a project for Newnan, Ga., contemplating the acquisition of additional land, demolition of the present Federal building, and the erection of a new building at an estimated cost of $575,000.

The additional land referred to in the bill (H. R. 4551) is that proposed to be acquired by the Government in carrying out the future building program at Newnan, as outlined above.

The land proposed to be acquired is improperly described in the bill. On page 2, line 5, "easterly" should be deleted and "westerly" inserted.

Attention is also invited to the fact that the word "interests" appearing in line 4 on page 2 of the measure should be stricken out, and there should be inserted in lieu thereof the word "intersects".

If the measure is amended as indicated above, this Department will interpose no objections to its enactment.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the presentation of this report to your committee.

Sincerely yours,

J. M. DONALDSON, *Postmaster General.*

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